

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 17, and cancel claims 2 and 6, as set forth in the following listing of claims:

Listing of Claims:

(insert listing of amended/canceled claims)

1. (Currently Amended) A backlit display, comprising:
at least one light source;
a backlit component;
a light-transmitting substrate ~~having~~ incorporating a polymer material, a diffusing substance and at least one fluorescing material ~~incorporated into said substrate~~, wherein the light-transmitting substrate is intermediately located between the light source and the backlit component such that the backlit component passes light through at least one selected portion of said substrate, wherein said substrate is operative to selectively attenuate intensity and frequency shift light passing therethrough.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) A backlit display according to ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein said diffusing substance is at least one selected from the group consisting of a silica-based material, a PTFE material, an inorganic filler, and an acrylic-based material.
4. (Currently Amended) A backlit display according to claim 1, further comprising a light-passing coating layer disposed between said substrate and ~~said~~ an opaque layer.

5. (Currently Amended) A backlit display according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 4, wherein the light-passing coating layer is colored to reflect a daytime graphics color.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) A backlit display according to claim 1, wherein said fluorescing material is chosen based on a characteristic light spectrum of a said light source and a desired light spectrum ~~for said~~ externally viewable from a graphic on said backlit component.
8. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 1, wherein said light source is an light emitting diode (LED).
9. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 8, wherein said light source is a blue LED.
10. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 1, wherein the backlit component is a button and the passing of light through at least one selected portion of said substrate is facilitated by a graphics area formed about a surface of the button.
11. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 10, wherein the backlit display further comprises a lightpipe intermediately positioned in the button that is located between the substrate and the light source.
12. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 11, wherein the button is positioned over a discrete silicon rubber switch dome and a circuit board.
13. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 10, wherein the button includes a cavity defined by side walls that reflects light toward the selected portion of the substrate.

14. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 13, wherein the side walls include a reflective, opaque material.
15. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 1, wherein the backlit component is a trim plate positioned over a circuit board and the passing of light through at least one selected portion of said substrate is facilitated by a graphics area formed about a surface of the trim plate.
16. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 15, wherein the passing of light through at least one selected portion of said substrate is further facilitated by a rotary knob positioned about the trim plate, wherein the knob includes an integral lightpipe having a visible light-transmitting surface.
17. (Currently Amended) A backlit display according to claim 15, wherein the substrate is spaced from the circuit board by a distance such that the substrate is positioned about a common plane extending from a base ~~portion~~ portion of the knob.
18. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 1, wherein the backlit component is a liquid crystal display and the passing of light through at least one selected portion of said substrate is facilitated by a graphics area formed about a surface of the liquid crystal display.
19. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 18, wherein the backlit component further comprises a reflective housing including a beveled area that receives the substrate.
20. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 19, wherein the housing includes a reflective, opaque material.

21. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 1, wherein the substrate includes a contour.
22. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 21, wherein the substrate includes a contour having a constant thickness.
23. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 21, wherein the substrate includes a contour having a varying thickness.
24. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 21, wherein the contour is flat.
25. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 21, wherein the contour is hemispherical.
26. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 21, wherein the contour is box-shaped.
27. (Original) A backlit display according to claim 21, wherein the contour is cylindrical.